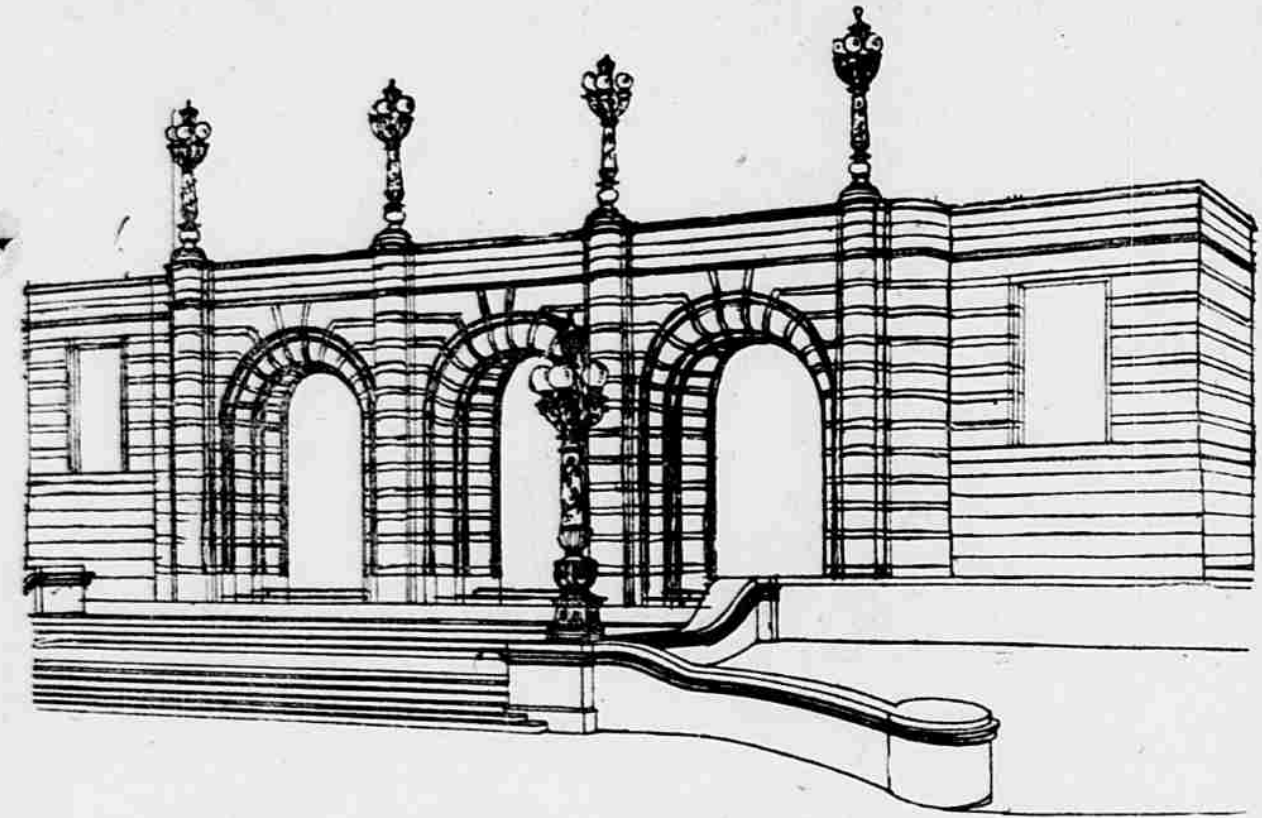


MAYOR WELLS PROPOSES TO FINISH CITY HALL BEFORE OPENING OF WORLD'S FAIR.



MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL AS IT WILL APPEAR WHEN COMPLETED.

Mayor Wells' aggressive campaign for the completion of the City Hall before the opening of the World's Fair is rapidly progressing. Some of the latest building and decorating firms in the country have been asked for estimates as to the cost of the work, and the plans have been placed on public exhibition for the benefit of prospective bidders.

Members of the administration believe that when the east entrance and rotunda shall have been embellished in line with the designs originally drawn by the architect, the City Hall will be one of the most beautiful municipal structures in the world. The unsightly void in the center of the building will be transformed into a palatial court enclosed by marble pillars.

If the present plan is carried out, the color scheme will be white and bronze, softened by variegated tints through an art-glass skylight which will be one of the distinctive features of the decoration.

At the west end of the rotunda will be a massive double staircase of white marble, ascending in escalators from either side and culminating in a broad landing at the second floor. The third and fourth floor balconies will be enclosed in Roman arches, with pilasters of marble and capitals of bronze.

As striking as the interior will be the approach to the building from Twelfth street. The proposed plan to erect a porte-cochere has been abandoned as out of keeping with the style of the structure.

Instead, there will be a broad open veranda, approached by elliptical driveways from either side and decorated by art lamps of special design. In completing the building the detail work will be made to conform to that already installed, and there will be little variation from the original plans. Every effort will be made to have the work completed before May 1, 1904.

PLAN TO BUILD ELDON-ST. LOUIS LINE

Will Give Citizens of Missouri Counties Direct Route to the Metropolis.

PRODUCTIVE COUNTRY TAPPED.

Believed Rock Island Is Behind Project Which Will Serve as Well as Iowa and St. Louis.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Mason, Mo., May 29.—Captain C. J. Dubois of this city has received a communication from the projectors of the St. Louis and St. Paul Railroad, recently chartered, regarding his project and data made for the Eldon and St. Louis Railroad.

By using the survey work done on the Eldon road as far as may be convenient the new corporation will save a vast amount of time and will find the survey runs through some of the most productive country in Missouri.

The abandonment of the Eldon enterprise a few years ago was a serious disappointment to the citizens of Monroe, Shelby and Scotland counties, who have been badly wanting a direct line to the metropolis for many years.

Captain Dubois was the chief engineer of that road, and is confident that a line will eventually be built along that route.

It is said that the Rock Island is behind the proposed road, which will serve its purpose as well as the Iowa and St. Louis, which at one time was supposed to be about to fall into the Rock Island's hands.

FRISCO BUYS MORE LAND.

New Terminals Will Include 10,000 Acres.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New Orleans, La., May 29.—The Frisco Railroad closed another land deal here today for itself, the Southern and Rock Island Railroad, by which it purchased the Roy, Du Pont, de Nemours, Fabre, Cincin, Guerrier and Beaumont property, just below New Orleans, half a mile on the Mississippi River, running back three miles.

It has secured other options on properties near the National cemeteries. With the Chalmette property, their new terminal will include over 10,000 acres of land lying between the Mississippi and Lake Borgne.

ADAMANT LODGE PICNIC.

Game of Ball Between Frisco Firemen and Clerks.

A picnic and basket excursion will be given by Adamant Lodge, No. 41, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, at Pacific, Mo., on the Frisco system, June 2.

Among the attractions will be a game of baseball between the Frisco Firemen and General Office Clerks team. The committee in charge is as follows: H. S. Manning, chairman; G. B. Harrison, W. C. Hunter and H. C. Risher.

Freight Handlers' Strike Over.

Chicago, May 29.—The trouble between the freight handlers and the railroads has virtually been settled. The management of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern has signed a contract with its men, granting an increase of a trifle over 4 per cent.

The scale is to take effect June 1. It is stated by the managers of other large roads that this basis of settlement is satisfactory to them.

Road and Firemen Reconciled.

Nashville, Tenn., May 29.—A reconciliation has been effected between the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen after an estrangement of ten years, by which the brotherhood was placed under the ban at the time of the Pullman trouble.

FELEY'S DEATH ACCIDENTAL.

Coroner Holds Inquest Over Body of St. Louis Prize Fighter.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Savannah, Ga., May 29.—The coroner held an inquest to-night over the body of George Feley, known as Feley, the heavy prize fighter, who died in the hospital this morning from concussion of the brain, resulting from a fight with the late champion, Jim Jeffries, on the night of the 14th inst. The verdict of the jury was that the killing was accidental, and that Feley, who had been arrested and was then out under bond of \$20, is a free man. He has not been re-arrested.

CHORUS OF TWO THOUSAND VOICES REHEARSES FOR GREAT SAENGERFEST



MRS. WILHELM J. ROMER, Soprano at the National Saengerfest to be held in the Liberal Arts Hall, World's Fair, June 17 to 20.

Two thousand local chorists, among whom every singing society in St. Louis was represented, rehearsed the music for the Thirty-first National Saengerfest in Lederkranz Hall Friday night, and another contingent of 2,000 singers meets tomorrow night in the Odeon.

The St. Louis soloists, Mrs. William J. Romer, soprano; Mrs. Oscar H. Bollman, contralto; James J. Rohan, tenor; John Rohan, baritone; and Edwin Burdick, basso, will appear with each of the divisions of the Saengerfest Reception Chorus from now until the festival in Liberal Arts building on the World's Fair grounds.

The work of this quintet has been remarkably efficient in familiarizing the chorists with the solo, duo and trio interludes, in which the programme music of the festival abounds, and which at the concert is to be sung by the quartet that has been made up in Europe and New York especially for the Thirty-first National Saengerfest.

This quartet consists of Mrs. Felcher-Edel, soprano; Mrs. Romer, contralto; Mr. Birkenhoven, tenor; and Mr. Lohing, basso. ARRANGING BIG CONCERT HALL. President Francis has, in a measure, taken personal charge of the transformation of Liberal Arts Hall into a modern concert-room of large proportions, and the

is commonly admitted that prize fighting, which was on a strong basis in Savannah, will be set back for a time. The excitement caused by Feley's death will have to know over before any fight can be pulled off.

CHANGE IN POST-OFFICE TITLES

Necessitated by Order From Officials at Washington.

In accordance with instructions from Washington, four Post-Office officials under Postmaster Baumhoff will have their titles changed to-morrow to conform to the designation prescribed by the laws covering the Post-Office Department.

On the roster of the local department they are down as superintendents of stations. When no such title is authorized by law, there will be no reduction in the salaries, as stated in dispatches from Washington yesterday. On the contrary two of them will receive an increase in salary beginning July 1, and the compensation of two will remain the same.

Class of Nine at Trenton.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Trenton, Mo., May 29.—The fifth annual commencement exercises of the Trenton

High School were held by the senior class at the opera-house in this city last night. The president and members of the Board of Education, County Superintendent of Schools, William Johnson and the teachers, with the nine members of the graduating class, occupied the stage. The graduates were Misses Tomlin Carr, Rosine C. Colkey, Millie C. Eisenmayer, Amanda L. Giesner, Mary V. Kramer, Amelia H. Dehler and Messrs. Charles S. Gaffner, Russell S. Phillips, Carl T. Thalgott.

DIED AFTER FINISHING WORK.

Death Overtakes Aged Washerwoman While Resting.

When "Aunt" Bertha Perkins, a washerwoman, 70 years old, employed at the residence of Mrs. John B. Harlow, No. 494 Fountain avenue, finished her work yesterday afternoon, she sat down and died.

She was found sitting on a stool in the basement, with her head leaning against the wall, her hands folded in her lap and a smile on her wrinkled face.

The body was removed to the morgue. She lived at No. 180 Wash street and was a resident of the city for nearly half a

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CAN A CHRISTIAN BE A POLITICIAN?

The Reverend Crayton Brooks Says "Politics as a Profession Is Hell."

SHOULD EXERCISE SUFFRAGE.

Minister Illustrates Point by Declaring That a Woman Entering Business Loses a Degree of Loveliness.

An appeal to young men and Christians to abstain from politics as a profession was the substance of the sermon preached by the Reverend Crayton Brooks of Jefferson City last night at the Compton Heights Christian Church, on "The Christian in Politics."

While advising against politics as a means for a livelihood, Mr. Brooks urged every Christian citizen to take the deepest interest in primaries, conventions and elections, saying that in some instances voluntary absence from the polls approached the criminal.

In the language of Senator Clay Heath, "which I strongly indorse," said Mr. Brooks, "politics is hell." To the Christian in politics as a profession two problems present themselves—namely, to tell the truth or not to tell the truth. If he speaks the truth he is not a success at the game; if he does not he is not a consistent Christian.

He declared there was a place for the minister of the gospel in politics, and asked if the minister did not do his duty what could be expected of the layman.

"No Christian can be a warm partisan. Any man who is a warm partisan must shut his eyes and ears to the defects of his own organization, and to the defects of his opponents. A partisan in politics is a man who is deaf, blind, and ignorant as swine, and who thinks every one else as ignorant as he is."

A Christian should be broadminded enough to oppose his party platform without hating the persons that made it. If it were to be opposed it with violence, but still have respect and honor for its misguided makers, that lasts a lifetime.

REFERS TO BUSINESS WOMAN. "Just as the young woman who enters the business and gives up a certain degree of her loveliness and sweetness, and holiness, so the Christian who enters politics as a profession relinquishes certain sanctified attributes."

"Politics as a profession represents slavery in speech and manner, undermines manhood and destroys courage. Honest politics means by that the kind in which a person reduces to sell his vote or influence, does not pay as a financial investment. A partisan in politics is a man who is anxious to do right to do wrong. Politics is perjury's school."

It puts a premium on hypocrisy and lying. Without these the chances for success in politics are small. Politics is vile because he does. The Christian should vote his sentiments on election day. Vote for his friends? No. Vote for his enemies, even his political enemies, if they stand for the right, and his own party is on the side of evil.

As members of the body of Christ, it is our duty to enter to purify and make clean politics, but not in a professional way.

DECLARES STRIKES ARE FEWER NOWADAYS

Secretary of National Civic Federation Reviews General Situation.

ARBITRATION GAINS SUPPORT.

Conciliatory Tactics Replaces Old-Fashioned Methods Used to Coerce Employers.

Ralph M. Easley of New York, general secretary of the National Civic Federation, arrived in St. Louis yesterday and is stopping at the Planters Hotel. The purpose of his visit is to arrange for the meeting of the national body to be held in this city next year.

This meeting, it is thought, will be the most important ever held by the organization. A full membership will attend and numerous questions of importance to all classes of citizens of the United States will be discussed. According to Mr. Easley, exceedingly satisfactory results are being obtained by the federation and it is gaining in strength and influence daily.

Yesterday was spent by Mr. Easley in conference with members of the local branch and other persons interested in the coming meeting. In the evening he attended a meeting of the St. Louis Civic Federation at the quarters of the Business Men's League. In his address to the meeting he said:

"From a national viewpoint, the labor situation is improving remarkably. This runs counter to the pessimistic sentiment that has been developing in certain quarters recently, but the situation to-day, compared to that of thirty days ago, has easily improved 75 per cent."

There is not to-day any national strike on or in view. What we have are entirely local matters, and they are rapidly being settled. Within the last week great head-

way has been made toward the settlement of practically all the large local troubles. In local matters probably the greatest danger was in the threatened tie-up of the whole building industry of New York and vicinity. This is rapidly coming to a speedy and satisfactory termination.

The Chicago situation has about cleared up. The International Harvester Company strike and the threatened general trucking house tie-up were wiped off the slate ten days ago. The threatened freight handlers' tie-up began to untangle yesterday, and its angry look has entirely disappeared.

MUCH BETTER ASPECT. "In St. Louis, what threatened to be a very bitter contest between the Metal Trades Association and the machinists, Blacksmiths and allied metal mechanics was settled last week, and what threatened to prove a similar trouble in the case of the freight handlers has a very much better aspect to-day."

While all these difficulties have been settled this month, there are only a few new ones scheduled and, if they take place, will only be local in character.

"There are other signs that are significant of a better and more conservative tone in the industrial world, such as the action a few weeks ago of the Chicago Federation of Labor. That body declared 'unanimously' that it would not indorse a strike where the grievance had not first been submitted to its Executive Committee, and it given a chance to bring about a settlement. The effect of this was to make a conciliation committee out of its Executive Committee, and that committee has proven one of the most potential factors in averting trouble in Chicago."

"While these are among the incidents showing the growing conservatism of the workers, many incidents could also be given showing a similar broadening of the views of the employers. Several organizations of employers, originally started for the purpose of 'smashing the unions,' have changed to the more rational policy of dealing and making joint trade agreements with them. Conciliation and arbitration are surely rapidly gaining on the old-fashioned strike and lockout."

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Heavy Rain at Elsberry.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Elsberry, Mo., May 29.—One of the heaviest rains for six or eight years fell here this afternoon, overflowing the creeks and

washing out some bridges. Great damage is done to the wheat and corn in the lowlands of the bottoms.

SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL.

Feast of Pentecost Will Be Observed This Morning.

The feast of Pentecost, which is to be celebrated to-day in all the Catholic churches of the city, will be impressively observed at the Cathedral on Walnut street, between Second and Third streets.

The regular masses will be said at 6 and 8 o'clock. At 10 o'clock a solemn high mass will be sung, with the Reverend Father Eugene Coyne as celebrant. The Reverend Michael McPaul will perform the office of deacon, while the Reverend Father M. J. Taylor will serve as subdeacon.

In the evening the children of the parish, with the sodalities, will form a procession and close the May devotions.

A music programme has been arranged by D. S. DeWale, the Cathedral organist.

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